COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

| Bay State Gas Company | D.T.E. 05-27 |
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ATTORNEY GENERAL'S MOTION FOR DEPOSITIONS

On April 27, 2005, Bay State Gas Company ("Bay State" or "Company") filed with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") a complex rate case involving nine Company witnesses, and seeking approval of a Performance Based Rate ("PBR") mechanism, a pension reconciliation mechanism and a \$300 million accelerated steel replacement program. Pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 1.06 and G. L. c. 30A, §11, the Attorney General moves to for leave to conduct the depositions of the following individuals, and call these individuals later during hearings or admit their sworn testimony as evidence:

Ed Anderson.

R J Rudden Associates 898 Veterans Memorial Highway Hauppauge, New York 11788

<u>Subject matter</u>: issues related to corrosion analysis performed for Bay State and and Company's Steel Replacement Program

Bay State's Call Center manager(s)
Names presently unknown
Bay State Gas Company
300 Friberg Way
Westbrough, MA 01581

Subject matter: issues related to call center performance and staffing

Bay State's Pipe Repair and Replacement manager(s)

Names presently unknown Bay State Gas Company 300 Friberg Way Westbrough, MA 01581

<u>Subject matter</u>: issues related to distribution system maintenance, repair and replacement

Bay State's Third Party Corrosion Consultant(s)

Names presently unknown Addresses presently unknown

<u>Subject matter</u>: issues related to distribution system maintenance, repair and replacement

Permitting the depositions of these individuals, and others as ongoing efforts identify them, will create a more complete, accurate and efficient record of the issues raised by the Company's filing. The depositions will also allow the Attorney General to develop rebuttal evidence to the positions taken by the Company.

WHEREFORE:

The Attorney General requests that the Department promptly issue an order allowing the Attorney General to conduct depositions.

Respectfully Submitted,

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